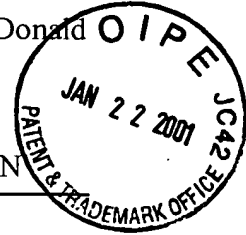


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2000, Applicants elect, without traverse, the species of Figure 3 provided in claims 4-6, 9-10, 14-16, and 19-28. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-6, 9-10, 14-16, and 19-28 read on the elected species. Applicants cancel the remaining claims 1-3, 7-8, 11-13, and 17-18, without prejudice, and reserve the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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